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TEUTON PEACE TERMS FORWARDED BY U. S.

Berlin Confirms French Gain
Near Verdun, but Claims
Success in Rumania.

SHELLING BY ALLIES

Germany Prepared to Submit
Peace Proposals—Wil-
son Hopeful.

Yesterday's War Moves.

Berlin authorities confirm the extent of France's victory north of Verdun, stating that the German troops had gone back to prepare their second line positions.

Berlin claims a successful drive southeast of Zillebeke in the Ypres sector whereby the British troops were returned to their second line positions.

A Russian statement admits the capture of Russian positions in the Carpathians after bitter fighting.

A dispatch from Athens reports the government's complete acquiescence in the demands of the Allies for disarmament.

The Teutonic advance in Rumania is apparently continuing.

Berlin reports the last Teuton army had reached the road from Puzau to Surat.

Battle's Roar Still Sounds.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Peace talk may be under discussion in the European capitals tonight but the roar of battle resounds from every front. Seldom has there been such unity in reports from the fronts detailing bitter unrelenting warfare, a kind of warfare never expected to continue in the winter season during the snow and cold.

Germany Presents Her Plans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Germany is ready to lay her peace cards on the table. The Teutonic peace proposals have all been forwarded to the Allies by the United States, acting as official messenger. A representative of the Allies announced today that he had been advised that their movements would not be to turn down flatly the peace proffers without discussion or explanation, but that they would alienate any opinions neutral.

Germans Will State Terms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Germany stands ready to give the Allies a full statement of terms in a peace conference. This statement was made officially today by the German Ambassador after a short conference with Secretary of State Lansing.

Count von Bernstorff said he did not know officially what these terms were. At the same time Germany also is ready to discuss disarmament, creation of a league to guarantee peace, and kindred subjects that would naturally arise from peace negotiations.

The envoy's visit to the State Department was brief. While von Bernstorff refused to talk about this Government's plan, it is known that German authorities are not discouraged in any way by the fact that America will not urge any suggestions. On the contrary they believe President Wilson has "left a way open to act later," and hence apparently are encouraged by this fact.

President Wilson believes the door is closing upon the great European War, and that before long the time will come for the friendly services of the neutrals. But he is convinced that the immediate present is not the opportune time for the United States to extend any mediation offer. Hence, he is awaiting developments which will follow the receipt of all the Central Powers' peace proposals by the enemy. He is giving a tremendous amount of study to all angles of the situation. He is especially interested in learning the contents of Premier Lloyd-George's speech to the House of Commons next Tuesday. He made it clear today to those in his confidence that he would take no step toward mediation until sure it would be effective.

Against An Allied Refusal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The British Embassy has advised the foreign office not to return a flat refusal to the German proposals for the sake of neutral opinion, it was learned today. Because of the close understanding between the Allied Embassies here it is believed that the French and Rus-

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 18.—Piano recital by Basil D. Gauntlett, director Stephens College department of music, College Auditorium at 8:15.
Dec. 19.—Concert by the University Cadet Band at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
Dec. 21.—Christmas holidays begin at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.
Jan. 2.—Christmas holidays end at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

sian Embassies have taken the same action.

Push Back German Troops.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The French have succeeded in pushing back German forces from some of their most advanced positions in the Verdun district, said the official report today. The Teuton troops, it was said, had gone into prepared second line defenses. The same statement reported as successful a new thrust by the Germans against British troops at Ypres.

Constantine Replies to Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—First evidence of new blood being injected into the British and French is seen in the reorganization of the cabinets of these two nations and the new French offensive at Verdun.

The press reports of King Constantine's reply to the demands of the Allies were received here today. As the earlier indications pointed to the submission of Greece, the acceptance of the Allies' terms will undoubtedly reflect credit on Premier Lloyd-George and Briand.

The action of the Russian duma in rejecting the German peace proposal and the French minister's speech were received with strong approval in London. Following as does the speech of Briand before the Chamber of Deputies and the tentative declaration of Bonar Law in the House of Commons Thursday, the action of Russia is taken as showing the complete unity of the Allies. It is considered certain that the speech of Lloyd-George next Tuesday will be along the same lines.

The only question is whether the answer of the Allies to Germany will be a flat rejection or a rejection coupled with counter-suggestions.

Three Weeks for Greek Disarmament.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—At least three weeks will be required to complete the disarmament of Greece, advises from Athens today say. As a result, the capital is quiet from the effects of the Allied blockade, which was established because of Greek attacks on Allied soldiers.

Linear Reports U-Boats in Atlantic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Officers of the Italian liner, Giuseppe Verde, which reached here today from Genoa and Naples with 2,700 passengers, reported that submarines were operating over a wide area in the Mediterranean and Atlantic. The captain said he had been warned that no less than eight submarines were plying in these waters.

Allied Vessels Shell Bulgarians.

SALONIKA, Dec. 16.—Allied war vessels have shelled the Bulgarian positions at East Neehori on the Struma front according to official reports here today. An isolated Bulgarian attack in new British positions has been repulsed.

BERLIN, (via Sayville, by wireless).

Dec. 16.—A temporary artillery duel is in progress in the Somme sector, according to reports here today. On the east bank of the Meuse, there has been a revival of fighting after a night of calm. The Teutonic armies in Wallachia and Dobrudja have gained ground. The Macedonian front is calm.

KANSAS GAME DREW \$23,500

Thanksgiving Day Given as Cause for 12,500 Attendance.

Twelve thousand five hundred followers of football attended the Missouri-Kansas game Thanksgiving Day at Lawrence, and the total receipts amounted to \$23,500, according to a statement made by W. O. Hamilton, manager of athletics of the University of Kansas. The receipts for the 1914 game on McCook Field were \$18,600.

The receipts for this year establish a new record for a single game at the University of Kansas. The change of the big game to Thanksgiving Day is given as the cause for the unusual increase.

Alison Reppy Handles Debating.

Alison Reppy, a graduate of the University last year, now director of athletics at the Atchison, Kan., high school, has charge of the debating teams of the school also.

HINTS AT ADJUSTING 8-HOUR DAY DISPUTE

Hale Holden, President of
Burlington, Sees Indica-
tions of Settlement.

BOTH SIDES FOR IT

Brotherhood Leader Also
Looks Forward To An
Agreement Out of Court.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Hale Holden, president of the Burlington Railroad, who was on the committee of executives who met President Wilson and railroad brotherhood officials in Washington, said today that conferences have been held by the railroad officials and employees looking toward a settlement of the eight-hour day dispute without the provisions of the Adamson Law.

W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen's brotherhood, yesterday hinted a settlement out of court might be reached.

To Continue Newland Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Chairman Adamson of the House Interstate Commerce Committee today introduced a resolution to extend the life of the Newland Railroad Investigating Committee another year, until January 1, 1918, the committee having found it impossible to make the recommendations to Congress for railroad regulation, including the question of Government ownership, within the time given.

Army Men Will Preach Preparedness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Army men will next week preach preparedness. General Scott, Chief of Army Staff, will be the official spokesman before Senator Chamberlain's committee. His talk will be a preachment on universal preparedness. It is intended to stir the nation to the need of developing its military state.

Results in Paper Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Federal Trade Commission will soon be in a position to place the responsibility for the present unprecedented newspaper print paper prices, Commissioner Davies announced today. Davies intimated that the responsibility could be placed at the close of the joint meeting of the paper manufacturers and newspaper publishers here today. Whatever the outcome of today's meeting toward relieving the situation, the Federal Trade Commission will continue its investigation.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—An appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the support of families of national guardsmen on the border was asked in a bill introduced in Congress today.

CHEMICAL SOCIETY HAS BANQUET

University Section Enjoys Meal Prepared by Home Economics Girls.

The members of the University of Missouri section of the American Chemical Society and their guests held their annual banquet, prepared under the supervision of the home economics department, at the Gordon Hotel Building Friday evening.

Dr. P. F. Trowbridge addressed the Society on "The Aims and Work of the American Association of Official Agricultural Chemists."

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Dr. J. W. Marden; vice-chairman, Miss Louise Stanley; counselor, Dr. Herman Schlundt; secretary, W. E. Thrun; treasurer, E. E. Vanatta.

TRAPS COYOTE NEAR COLUMBIA

J. D. Dozier Tries to Catch a Fox, But Gets Other Game.

J. D. Dozier caught a coyote in a trap on his farm, twelve miles south of Columbia, and brought the hide to Columbia yesterday morning. He had been missing his turkeys, geese and chickens, he said, but thought that a fox was the thief. He set a trap, and the next morning it was missing. When he located it, he was surprised to find that it held a coyote.

Will Tell of Economic Conference.

A report of the rural economics conference, held in connection with the recent International Livestock Show at Chicago, will be given by Prof. S. D. Gromer at the meeting of the Country Life Club in Room 200, Agricultural Building, at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rural school improvement will be discussed.

ELKS TO FEED NEEDY AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

High Cost of Living Causes
Change From Municipal
Tree This Year.

OLD CLOTHES GIVEN

Mothers' Clubs Believe That
Co-operation Would Lead
to Better Relief.

Columbia kiddies from the more needy families will have to go without their big municipal Christmas tree this year. The Elks Club has decided that the youngsters who have been filled with Christmas joy in former years by the organization should be filled with good substantial food this season.

More than \$100 which would have been spent on a glittering tree in the courthouse yard will be added to the Elks' fund for the distribution of staple food articles, clothing and fuel in the needy homes of Columbia Christmas Day. The unusual conditions caused by the high prices and the consequent destitute condition of several families prompted the action of the club.

The committee composed of Kirk Hayes, W. W. Garth and Lakenan Price has arranged for the collection of funds from the club members. The funds will care for from twenty to thirty families. The organization will co-operate with the other charitable organizations in Columbia and get the names of the more needy, so that its work will not conflict with that of these associations and clubs.

The baskets to be distributed will contain such articles as a small sack of flour, a sack of meal, lard, sugar, potatoes, fruit, canned goods and sweets for the children. Old clothes will be collected for distribution, and a fund will be reserved for fuel for those in extreme need.

"I am glad to see the organization doing such practical work this Christmas," said H. A. Collier, formerly a member of the committee. "Three years ago we were confronted with a similar situation. The Christmas tree idea was abandoned, and about two hundred Elks scoured the woods for rabbits. Christmas Day those who did not take part in the chase, being on unfriendly terms with a shotgun, distributed 300 rabbits among Columbia's poor and had fifty left over."

"It is too bad that the kiddies can't have their Christmas fun around the big tree, but good, substantial food and clothing will be better for them this year."

Mr. Price indorses the new program of the Elks as "getting down to the bed-rock of Christmas spirit." This will be the sixteenth consecutive Christmas that the Elks have assisted the poor in Columbia. About one hundred and fifty local business men and fifty farmers living near the city are backing the movement. The organization has a permanent committee for charitable work during the year.

Relief Work By Mothers' Clubs.

The Mothers' Clubs of the elementary schools are doing much for the relief of the poor of Columbia through visiting committees and donations of old clothes. These clothes are repaired and cleaned for the poor children who are in danger of staying away from school because of the cold weather and the lack of warm clothing.

Each grade school has its separate organization made up of the teachers, mothers of the school children and other women interested in this relief work. The expense is small, as most of the contributions are in the form of old clothes. Repairing of shoes entails the largest expense, and this amounts to very little, for this work is done by the cobblers for the price of the leather.

Each organization attends to its particular work independently of the others and of the Charity Organization Society. This condition, the officials of both organizations believe, may lead to duplication of appeals on the part of the poor. One person may ask the mothers' club for aid and then also pay the Charity Organization office a visit to plead for help.

A Better Method.

Co-operation among these organizations, it is believed by both of them, would lead to a stricter and safer method of relief. A record of all cases aided by the mothers' clubs should be regularly turned over to the secretary of the charity society for inspection. This would do away with the possibility of persons appealing to both places for relief.

The work of the mothers' clubs is

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair Sunday, and a little colder; temperature to 30 or lower Sunday night. Fresh south shifting to westerly winds.
For Missouri: Fair Sunday and colder. Fresh winds.

primarily to keep the children in school, since it is believed shabby and insufficient clothing will make the child reluctant to attend regularly.

This is the first year of this work for the mothers' clubs and the members feel well satisfied with results so far attained. Next year they hope to establish the work on a sounder financial basis. Money this year is raised by bazars, oyster suppers and similar activities.

STUDENT HELD UP BY NEGRO

R. S. Clough Robbed of \$130 Watch While On Way Home From Dance.

R. S. Clough, a student in the College of Agriculture, who lives at the Acacia House, was held up and robbed of a gold watch valued at \$130 by a negro at 1 o'clock this morning. The robbery occurred in front of the Biology Building. Mr. Clough was returning from a dance.

After asking for a match the negro drew a knife and demanded Mr. Clough's valuables. He says he offered no resistance. The police were chasing the negro at 2 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Clough's home is at Wyaconda.

VILLA TAKES 2 CITIES

Carranza Forces Endangered
—May Arrest Many for
Aid in Revolution.

By United Press

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 16.—Proceeding southward, Villista forces have captured Jimenez and also Santa Rosalia, the only important point between them and Chihuahua City, according to advices reaching mining companies tonight. The occupation of these two towns by bandit forces is especially grave because they are the only channels of supplies and ammunition for General Murguía of the government army in the north.

Arrests For Aiding Mexicans.

By United Press

EL PASO, Dec. 16.—Wholesale arrests of Americans and Mexicans here and at other points along the border accused of breach of neutrality laws in agitating and aiding the revolutions and revolutionary actions of different Mexican factions are planned by United States secret service agents. Members of the various revolutionary juntas are now under surveillance by this Government's agents but action is held in abeyance pending ratification of the American-Mexican mediation for protocol.

One of the provisions is for the deportation of Calles forces engaged in revolutionary action. Secret service men have been directing their attention since the capture of Chihuahua City by the Villistas to the source of the part of ammunition supplies used by Villa, which was not captured from the Mexican forces. Positive evidence has been obtained that Villa received 28,000 cartridges the night before the fall of the northern capital. Federal authorities here believe these came from the American side of the border.

That Villa is disposing his troops for another important movement is indicated by reports to United States authorities here this afternoon. An employee of the Babicora ranch arriving here stated that a band of Villistas, which had been holding the town of Bachiniva during the last month, had been consolidated with another band guarding the wounded at Guerrero.

PI PHI HOUSE IS ROBBED AGAIN

As On 2 Previous Visits, Miss Miriam Glandon Misses Money.

Thieves who entered the Phi Beta Phi sorority house some time between 10 o'clock and noon yesterday took \$12 in bills from the dressing table of Miss Miriam Glandon. This is the third time since school opened in September that Miss Glandon has missed money from her room.

School Children See Films.

Six hundred people, more than 300 of whom were school children, attended the weekly educational motion picture show at the Odeon yesterday afternoon. The serial, "Uncle Sam at Work," was continued, and the children were given advance pointers on Christmas by the picture "The Toyland Village." The weekly educational travelog was shown.

STATE CROP VALUES IN MARKED INCREASE

Year's Crops Bring Twelve
and One-Half Millions
More Than in 1915.

CORN YIELD DROPS

Prevailing High Prices Bring
Excess—Wheat Acreage
Shows Large Loss.

Missouri farm products are valued at \$231,888,951 this year, or about twelve and one-half million dollars more than last year, according to the annual crop report of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, issued yesterday by W. L. Nelson, assistant secretary.

The total value this year showed a big excess over last year in spite of the fact that the corn crop was almost 19,000,000 bushels below the amount last year and wheat yielded only a little more than half the normal harvest. The prevailing high prices of all farm products was responsible for the increase.

"While prices for farm products are high," says Mr. Nelson, "it is also true that the cost of production due to increased acre yields and to the high cost of living, which hits the farmer just as it does everybody else was never before so great. Were it not for the somewhat higher prices now prevailing every pound of beef or pork, every pound of butter, every quart of cream and even every dozen eggs sold would represent a loss. In view of the proposed boycotts on many food products—due to lack of understanding or to conditions for which the farmer is in no way responsible and over which he has no control—there is grave danger that farmers, fearing for the future, may dispose of their breeding stock and curtail operations generally. This they may do instead of engaging more extensively in livestock, dairying, poultry raising and kindred activities."

In arriving at the results, figures from each of the 114 counties of the state are carefully considered. Prices are for December 1. It should be borne in mind that \$231,888,951 does not represent the total value of all Missouri agricultural products, but only such field and garden crops as are enumerated. Nor is the value of Missouri livestock included in this report.

The estimated corn crop for the year was only 139,909,735 bushels, as compared with 220,235,191 bushels last year. The average yield was 19 bushels per acre, and at the estimated state price of 86.7 cents the value is \$211,294,528—considerably more than one million dollars a county. St. Charles County with an acre yield of 34 bushels in average production. Atchison County with 4,794,141 bushels to its credit, is first in total production. The northwest section of the state leads in total yield and average per acre. This section with 2,001,033 acres in corn, grew 48,568,901 bushels, an average of 24.2 bushels an acre.

The average wheat yield was only 8.3 bushels an acre, although high prices offset the loss. It is estimated that farmers lost more than five million dollars before the high prices came in December.

In central section the average was seven bushels an acre. The acreage seeded for 1917 is the smallest for years, being but 92.6 as much for 1916.

SUPPLIES TAKEN FROM WAGON

Agent for Athletic Tea Company Is Robbed While Delivering.

When D. Brancanier, representative of the Athletic Tea Company, emerged from a home on Conley avenue Friday morning after making a delivery, he discovered that his wagon had disappeared. He notified the police, and an hour's search resulted in the wagon being found near the Hinkson Creek Bridge on the Fulton road east of Columbia. An inventory of the stock showed that more than \$25 worth of tea, coffee and extracts had been taken.

No clue as to the identity of the thieves had been found last night. A reward is offered by Mr. Brancanier.

Bible Class Gives Dinner.

The freshman Presbyterian Bible Class held a dinner at 6:30 o'clock last night at the Virginia Grill. The Rev. W. W. Elwang, L. S. Palmer, superintendent of the Sunday School, N. T. Gentry, J. S. Moore and L. H. Capehart spoke. Curtis B. Hurley, president of the class, was toastmaster.